

SENATOR HALL: Well, may you have better luck.

SENATOR HORGAN: Yes, I hope so. What I am doing for Senator Landis is, and with the agreement I understand of Senator Dierks and Senator Vrtiska, the other cosponsors, and myself on the bill, is attempting to put LB 241 as an amendment into 152. The transition language that's in the amendment, which includes 241 also includes some additional language that for the first time places state veterans home system and the three A...the three Veterans Administration Medical Systems...Centers in the rural health care arena. It also provides the opportunities for veterans organizations to fund mechanisms for the education of health care professionals who agree to practice in rural areas. As I said, this is a friendly amendment to the bill and I believe it has the support of the introducers. But, basically, what we are doing is we are recognizing some veterans organizations and also allowing them in the amendment to provide comprehensive rural health...under their comprehensive rural health policy to include these veterans homes and the three veterans affairs medical centers in Nebraska and that facilities may share statistical and personal data with the other medical facilities to improve the quality and accessibility of services to the growing aging veterans population in Nebraska. And also to encourage these organizations to offer scholarships to students in the health care professions, to encourage practice of such professions in Nebraska's veterans homes and veterans medical centers. On behalf of Senator Landis I offer the amendment and would be happy to answer any questions. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Horgan. Questions or discussion of the Landis amendment as offered by Senator Horgan. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President, members, I am going to ask that a germaneness ruling be made on this. I don't think that this amendment is particularly germane to the issue of the original bill, and I apologize to Senator Horgan, but there is enough complication and work that needs to be done that we haven't talked about on 152. To add this additional measure to it I think is a step I'm uncomfortable with at this time. The original LB 152 deals with questions of residency and a particular private entity being able to provide with state subsidies that residency. This other measure deals with